

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1846

Introduced by Assembly Member Gordon

February 22, 2012

An act to amend Section 10704 of the Insurance Code, relating to health care coverage.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1846, as introduced, Gordon. Small employer health insurance.

Existing law provides for the regulation of health insurers by the Insurance Commissioner and requires certain health insurers that write, issue, or administer health benefit plans that cover employees of small employers to comply with certain requirements. Existing law authorizes the commissioner to issue regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of those small employer health insurance requirements, as specified.

This bill would make various technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 10704 of the Insurance Code is amended
2 to read:
3 10704. The commissioner may issue regulations that are
4 necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Prior to the
5 public comment period required ~~on~~ *with respect to* the regulations
6 under the Administrative Procedure Act (*Chapter 3.5 (commencing*
7 *with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the*

1 *Government Code*), the commissioner shall provide the Director
2 of the Department of Managed Health Care with a copy of the
3 proposed regulations. The Director of the Department of Managed
4 Health Care shall have 30 days to notify the commissioner in
5 writing of any comments on the regulations. The Director of the
6 Department of Managed Health Care's comments shall be included
7 in the public notice issued on the regulations. Any rules and
8 regulations issued pursuant to this ~~subdivision~~ *section* may be
9 adopted as emergency regulations in accordance with the
10 Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with
11 Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the *Government*
12 *Code*). Until December 31, 1994, the adoption of these regulations
13 shall be deemed an emergency and necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare.
15 The regulations shall be enforced by the director.